

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 13, wherein all the openings of the packing cases are covered so as to make the stacked battery units `[[packs]]` air tight.
3. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 13, wherein space is provided between walls of the battery units `[[packs]]` adjacent to each other.
4. (Original) The module battery according to claim 3, wherein the space is formed to allow fluid to flow therethrough and at least upstream region of the space is formed to be wider than the other region of the space.
5. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 3, wherein the packing case of the battery unit `[[pack]]` is formed to have a cooling fin extending into the space.
6. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 13, wherein the packing case is comprised of a pair of case halves which sandwich and hold the battery `[[cell]]`.
7. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 6, wherein at least one of the case halves is formed to have a locate pin, and the battery `[[cell]]` is provided with a through-hole to which the locate pin is fitted.
8. (Original) The module battery according to claim 6, wherein the case halves are symmetrically formed with respect to a plane.

9. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 13, wherein each of the packing cases of the battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ is provided with a flange having sides to be aligned as the packing cases are stacked.
10. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 13, wherein each of the packing cases of the battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ is provided with a flange serving as a spacer to provide space between the adjacent battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ as the packing cases are stacked.
11. (Previously Presented) The module battery according to claim 13, wherein the module battery comprises a lithium ion battery.
12. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle comprising a module battery according to claim 13.
13. (Currently Amended) A module battery comprising:
  - a plurality of battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ stacked on one another in a stacking direction, each battery unit ~~[[pack]]~~ comprising:
    - at least one battery ~~[[cell]]~~ having a power generating element sealed in a film and a pair of electrode tabs connecting to the power generating element and protruding from the film; and
    - a packing case defining a fixed open space for housing the battery ~~[[cell]]~~, the packing case being provided with an opening to allow access to an inside of the open space and to expose the electrode tabs of the battery ~~[[cell]]~~ housed in the open space to the outside of the packing case,
  - wherein the openings of the packing cases are arranged in the stacking direction at one side of the module battery, and
  - wherein the battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ include a first battery unit ~~[[pack]]~~ and a second battery unit ~~[[pack]]~~, and the ~~battery cells~~ batteries of the first and second battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ are connected with each other through the electrode tabs of the respective ~~battery cells~~ batteries.
- 14-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A module battery according to claim 3, wherein the space provided between the walls of the battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ adjacent to each other gradually increases from a middle portion of the battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ to both ends of the battery units ~~[[packs]]~~.

19-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) The module battery according to claim 13, further comprising:  
a battery unit ~~[[pack]]~~ holder which holds the stacked battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ together, wherein each of the openings of the packing cases are covered with the battery unit ~~[[pack]]~~ holder so as to make the stacked battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ air tight.

23. (Currently amended) A module battery comprising:  
a plurality of battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ stacked on one another in a stacking direction, each battery unit ~~[[pack]]~~ comprising:  
a plurality of ~~battery-cells~~ batteries, each having a power generating element sealed in a film and a pair of electrode tabs connecting to the power generating element and protruding from the film; and  
a packing case defining a fixed open space for housing the plurality of ~~battery-cells~~ batteries, the packing case being provided with an opening to allow access to an inside of the open space and to expose the electrode tabs of the plurality of ~~battery-cells~~ batteries housed in the open space to the outside of the packing case, wherein the openings of the packing cases are arranged in the stacking direction at one side of the module battery, and  
wherein one of the plurality of ~~battery-cells~~ batteries of one of the plurality of battery units ~~[[packs]]~~ is connected with one of the plurality of ~~battery-cells~~ batteries of the other of the plurality of battery units ~~[[packs]]~~, through the electrode tabs of the respective ones of the ~~battery-cells~~ batteries.